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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

In the Claims

Kindly amend the claims as follows.

Cancel claims 1-30 and 42-50.

Remarks

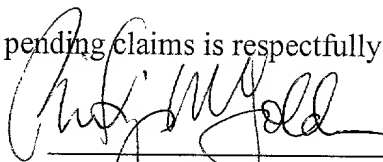
This Preliminary Amendment is provided concurrent with the filing of the above-captioned divisional application. The parent application was subjected to a restriction requirement setting forth Groups I (coating composition for medical use), II (medical device having a polymer coating), and III (method of using a polymer coated medical device). Group II was elected with traverse, and claims of that Group remain pending, and have been allowed, in the parent application (US Serial No. 09/693,771).

Claims 1-50 were originally pending. Upon entry of the present Preliminary Amendment, claims 31-41 corresponding to previous Group I will be pending.

Examination and favorable review of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

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